GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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MIGRATION OF YOUTH
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any survey in regard to migration of rural youth to urban areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to check such migration?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a to c) The Ministry of Rural Development have not conducted any survey with regard to migration of rural youth to urban areas. However, National Sample Survey Organization of Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation collects information through the sample survey regarding the number of persons migrated from rural areas to urban areas etc. The Report No.470 of NSS 55th round (July1999-June2000) contains the information of estimated number of migrants in major States.

The Ministry of Rural Development implements through the State Governments, major schemes like Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) which is a wage employment programme and Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) to provide self employment to the members of the rural poor families of the country. Government have also launched a National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS) with the objective of providing guaranteed wage employment of 100 days in a financial year to a rural household whose adult members are willing to take up manual work. Initially, only 200 districts were covered under this scheme and with effect from 1.4.2008 all the districts are to be covered under NREGA and the SGRY will be subsumed into it. The Ministry of Rural Development is also implementing other schemes such as Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), Indira Awas Yojana (IAY), Rural Drinking Water Supply (DWS), Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) and Watershed Development Programmes with the object.